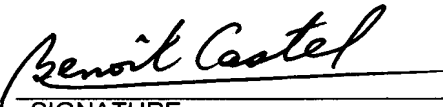


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371		Attorney Docket No. 0525-1033 U.S. Application No. 10/567,489
INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. PCT/FR2004/002084	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE August 4, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED August 7, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A PIECE MADE OF SINTERED AMORPHOUS SILICA, AND MOLD AND SLURRY USED IN THIS METHOD		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Cyril LINNOT and Bernard POULLAIN		
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. §154(d)(4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371 (c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)) 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv).)) 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)). <p>Items 12 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations. - <input type="checkbox"/> PCT/ISA/210 International Search Report included 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s)). 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. §1.76. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Itemized Return Receipt Postcard 17. <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 19. <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney and Statement under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> Newly executed Power of Attorney b. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of Power of Attorney and/or change of address letter. 20. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. §1.821 - 1.825. 21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. §154(d)(4). 22. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. §154(d)(4)). 23. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: _____ 		

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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small-entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27. <input type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In this, concurrent, and future replies, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional or omitted required fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.					
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